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City of Dorris
P.O. Box 768
Dorris, CA 96023

Attention: Rick Bay, Water/Sewer Manager

CITATION NO. 01-01-13C-003

Enclosed is a Citation for violation of the coliform Maximum Contaminant Level in January 2013. The Citation specifies action to be taken by the City of Dorris to achieve compliance and avoid future civil penalties.

The Klamath District Office appreciates the City's conscientious effort to resolve its coliform problem and this citation does not reflect a lack of effort by the City. This citation is a result of violating the coliform MCL. This enforcement action is our administrative tool to help ensure that the violation will be corrected.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 224-4872 or Barry Sutter at (530) 224-4875.

Tony Wiedemann, P.E.
Klamath District Engineer
DRINKING WATER FIELD
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

cc: Richard Hinrichs, Chief – DDW – Northern California Region

System No. 4710001

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: City of Dorris

Water System No: 4710001

To: City of Dorris
P.O. Box 768
Dorris, CA 96023

Issued: March 29, 2013
Via Certified Mail

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION

January, 2013

Chapter 4, Article 9, Section 116650 of Part 12 of Division 104 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC), authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued thereunder.

Applicable Authorities

Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or



1 adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water
2 system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally
3 or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of
4 personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to
5 whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the
6 date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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8 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the
9 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision,
10 standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

11 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition
12 constituting the violation.

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14 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in
15 subdivision (e).

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17 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one
18 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and
19 for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be
20 assessed for each violation.

21 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 64426.1 states in relevant part:
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23 A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL {maximum
24 contaminant level} when any of the following occurs:

25 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month,
26 more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total
27 coliform-positive; or



1 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per
2 month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-
3 positive; or

4 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

5 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive
6 routine sample is total coliform-positive.

7 8 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

9 The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the Department
10 of Public Health (Department) has received laboratory results for seventeen
11 bacteriological samples collected during January, 2013, from the water system of the
12 City of Dorris. All samples were analyzed for the presence of coliform bacteria.
13 Three of the 17 samples tested positive for coliform bacteria.

14 **DETERMINATIONS**

15 The Department has determined that the City of Dorris failed to comply with the
16 maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total coliform bacteria during the month of
17 January, 2013. That is a violation of Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the California
18 Code of Regulations. The Department hereby issues a citation to the City of Dorris
19 for failure to comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the California Code of
20 Regulations.

21 **Directives**

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23 The City of Dorris is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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25 1. Comply with Section 64426.1 in all future monitoring periods.
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- 1 2. By, **April 30, 2013**, notify all persons served by the water system of the total
2 coliform MCL violation. Notification must be completed in accordance with
3 each of the following:
- 4 a) Complete the enclosed notice *"IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT*
5 *YOUR DRINKING WATER"* to include the name, address, and telephone
6 number of a water system representative as a source of additional
7 information concerning the public notice. Also, in the space provided, you
8 must give a legible, written description (preferably typed) of what
9 happened and what was done to correct this violation and prevent it from
10 occurring in the future. At the bottom, provide the date or dates the notice
11 was distributed.
- 12 b) Distribute the notice to the users in accordance with Section 64463.4(c)(1),
13 Title 22, CCR, by:
- 14 1) Mail or direct delivery to each customer/residence that receive their
15 drinking water from the water system and any other service
16 connections to which water is delivered by the water system;
- 17 2). And by one or more of the following methods to reach persons not
18 likely to be reached by mailing or direct delivery;
- 19 • Publication in a local newspaper
20 • Posting, for at least seven days, in conspicuous public places
21 served by the water system or on the Internet
22 • Delivery to community organizations
- 23 4. A representative of the **City of Dorris** shall complete the enclosed
24 "Certification of Public Notice" form and return it to the Department by
25 **May 10, 2013**. A copy of the notice that was distributed must be included with
26 the form.
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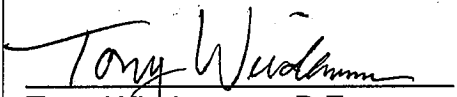


1 All documents required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Department at the
2 following address:

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4 Tony Wiedemann, P.E.
5 California Department of Public Health
6 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch
7 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101
8 Redding, CA 96002

9 **Civil Penalty**

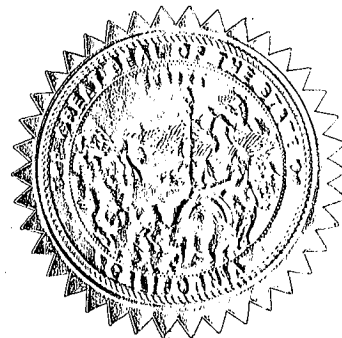
10 Sections 116650(d) and 116650(e) of the California Health and Safety Code allow
11 for the assessment of a civil penalty for failure to comply with requirements of
12 Chapter 4. Failure to comply with any provision of this citation may result in the
13 Department imposing a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per
14 day for each day that the violation occurred, and for each day that the violation
15 continues to occur.

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18 Tony Wiedemann, P.E.
19 District Engineer
20 Klamath District
21 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

March 29, 2013
Date

22 Attachments:
23 Notice - Important Information About Your Drinking Water
24 Certification of Public Notice

25 Certified Mail No. 7009 1680 0001 3114 5165



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

State Coliform Standard Not Met for City of Dorris – January 2013

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. In January 2013, a routine water samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. Subsequent follow-up samples were taken which confirmed the presence of coliform bacteria in the water. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

What should you do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliform are a sign that there could be a problem with our treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing and check for the presence of other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*. **We did NOT find any fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What Happened? What Was Done?

Persons wishing more information should contact:

(name)

(address)

(phone number)

Please share this information with other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Upon receipt of this notice from a public water system the following establishments must provide secondary notification by distributing this notice within ten days as follows: Schools must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors). Residential rental property owners or managers (including nursing home and care facilities) must notify tenants. Business property owners, managers, or operators must notify employees of businesses located on the property. [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]

Certification of Public Notice

(Community)

This form when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 64463 - 64465.

Public Water System Name City of Dorris

Public Water System No. 4710001

Public notification for the January 2013 coliform MCL failure was performed by the following method(s) (check and complete those that apply):

☐ The notice was mailed to users on _____
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

☐ The notice hand delivered to water customers on _____
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

☐ The notice was published in the local newspaper on _____
A copy of the newspaper notice is attached. (date)

☐ The notice was posted in the following conspicuous places on _____
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

(place)

(place)

(place)

☐ The notice was delivered to the following community organizations on _____
A copy of the notice is attached. (date)

(organization)

(organization)

(organization)

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name

Signature

Date